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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON EVANS AND NOVAK STORY

1. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WERE PREPARED FOR NOON
BRIEFING AUGUST 3 ON EVANS AND NOVAK STORY IN WASHINGTON
POST ALLEGING PRM-10 DECISIONS WOULD CHANGE STRATEGY AND
ACCEPT LOSS OF ONE-THIRD OF GERMANY:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE EVANS-NOVAK STORY
ALLEGING A CHANGE IN DEFENSE STRATEGY IN EUROPE?

A: IT IS U.S. POLICY TO ENGAGE IN THE FORWARD DEFENSE OF
ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE. THAT LONGSTANDING POLICY, WHICH HAS
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BEEN SHAPED JOINTLY WITH OUR NATO ALLIES, REMAINS
UNCHANGED IN ITS TOTALITY.

Q: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. WEAPONS OR
FORCES OR SUCH OTHER CONSIDERATIONS?

A: NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN OUR DEFENSE POLICY, AS I HAVE

JUST SAID. YOU SHOULD ADDRESS ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS TO THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT I MIGHT JUST SAY THAT THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO BRZEZINSKI BY ANONYMOUS SOURCES (QUOTED IN

EVANS AND NOVAK PIECE) ARE PARTIAL, INACCURATE AND DEAL WITH ONLY ONE ASPECT OF THE OVERALL DEFENSE STRATEGY THAT MIGHT BE APPLIED IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK ON WESTERN EUROPE.

2. QUESTIONS ABOUT EVANS-NOVAK STORY DID ARISE AT THE BRIEFING AND SPOKESMAN DREW ON ABOVE GUIDANCE.

3. WE WILL TRANSMIT FURTHER GUIDANCE WHEN AND IF AVAILABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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